

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-13, 15-16, and 19-24 remain in the application with claims 1, 3, 13, and 15 having been amended hereby. Claims 2, 5-6, 14, and 17-18 have been previously canceled. Claims 1 and 13 are in independent form.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection of claims 3 and 15 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for depending on canceled claims. Claims 3 and 15 have been amended hereby to depend on claims remaining in the application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3-4, 7-13, 15-16, and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,574,785 to Ueno et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,959,978 to Horikoshi et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,850,910 to Yu et al.

In independent claim 1, as amended, a receiver terminal's self-diagnosis function is used to match a decoding diagnostic code added to the required data during transmission and encrypted using the predetermined decoding key with a predetermined constant so that data not decoded to meet the predetermined standard can be deleted. The decoded data that is not deleted is supplied to a computer.

In Ueno et al., if data is deciphered using an incorrect cipher key, the appropriate cipher key is determined and the data is deciphered again using the correct cipher key.

Horikoshi et al., relates to a communication system where data is distributed to multiple terminals and each terminal examines distributed data and determines if the data is intended for it. Data that is not intended for a specific terminal is disregarded by that terminal.

In Yu et al., computer executable data is hidden within a digital media data stream.

The cited art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest that a receiver terminal's self-diagnosis function is used to match a decoding diagnostic code added to the required data during transmission and encrypted using the predetermined decoding key with a predetermined constant so that data not decoded to meet the predetermined standard can be deleted.

Specifically, although Ueno et al. relates to determining whether decoded data has been properly decoded, Ueno et al. does not teach or suggest that a self-diagnosis function within the receiver terminal is used to match a decoding diagnostic code added to the required data during transmission. As neither Horikoshi et al. nor Yu et al. relate to determining whether decoded data has been properly decoded, they cannot be seen as

teaching or suggesting this claimed element that is missing from Ueno et al.

The examiner alleges that this element is taught by Horikoshi et al., however, in Horikoshi et al., it is not decoded data that has not been properly decoded that is disregarded, it is data that is not intended for the receiving terminal that is disregarded. These concepts are unrelated. Additionally, Yu et al. does not relate to the deletion of improperly decoded data.

Moreover, the cited art fails to teach or suggest that the decoded data that is not deleted is supplied to a computer. The examiner alleges that this element is taught by Yu et al., however, in Yu et al., data is read by a computer when it is determined that the data is hidden computer executable code hidden within a media stream.

Therefore, for at least the above reasons, independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, claims 3-4, 7-13, 15-16, and 19-24 are patentable over the cited art for at least similar reasons.

Therefore, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that data receiving method and data receiving unit thereof, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited

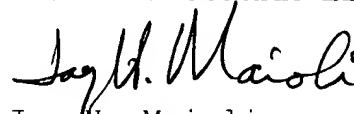
references.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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